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SUBJECT: AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS: SOARES VISIT

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1. AT AIRPORT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOREIGN MINISTER MEDEIROS FERREIRA ASKED ME FOR MY REACTION TO MY CONVERSATION YESTERDAY (APRIL 15) WITH VILLAS-BOAS (REFTEL).

2. I TOLD HIM MY PERSONAL REACTION TO A FORMULA COMBINING PROJECT AID FOR THE AZORES WITH MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE AID WAS POSITIVE, BUT I FOUND THE AZOREAN ASPIRATIONS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC. I EXPLAINED TO FOREIGN MINISTER THAT AZOREANS WERE INCAPABLE OF TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF EXISTING AID PROJECT FUNDS, MUCH LESS FUNDS IN THE ENORMOUS AMOUNTS BEING PROPOSED. IN ANY EVENT I WAS SURE HE WOULD GET A MORE AUTHORITATIVE REACTION DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT PRESS THE GOP POSITION. INSTEAD HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT WHAT HE WAS SEEKING WAS INFORMAL REACTION BEFORE ENTERING INTO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WHERE THE AZOREANS WOULD BE PRESENT. HE INDICATED THAT IF THE USG HAD PROBLEMS WITH INTERAGENCY
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PROPOSAL WE SHOULD SAY SO CLEARLY. HE FELT IN NO HURRY, AND IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL THE DUCKS HE LINED UP BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN.
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